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WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE - 2002 ELECTION RESULTS

This issue highlights women serving in elected offices in 2003, reflecting the results of the general election held on November 5, 2002.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special election results increased the number of women in the Minnesota Legislature and House of Representatives. Rebecca Otto was elected to the House of Representatives in a special election in district 52B held February 11, 2003. Her election increases the number of women serving in the Minnesota Legislature to 55 (27.4%) and the number of women serving in the House to 32 (23.9%).

Women in Public Office on the LCESW website includes information updated as changes occur. Information includes:

- Women in the Minnesota Legislature by Session
- Women in the Minnesota Legislature by Year(s) Elected
- Number of Women in Minnesota Legislature, 1922-2002
- Fact Sheet on Women in the Minnesota Legislature

The Commission bids a fond farewell to Senator Julie Sabo and Representative Betty Folliard. Senator Sabo served on the Commission since 2001 and was vice-chair. Representative Betty Folliard served on the Commission since 1997. The Commission thanks Senator Sabo and Representative Folliard for their contributions and wishes them well in their new endeavors.

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WOMEN IN THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

November 2002 General Election Results

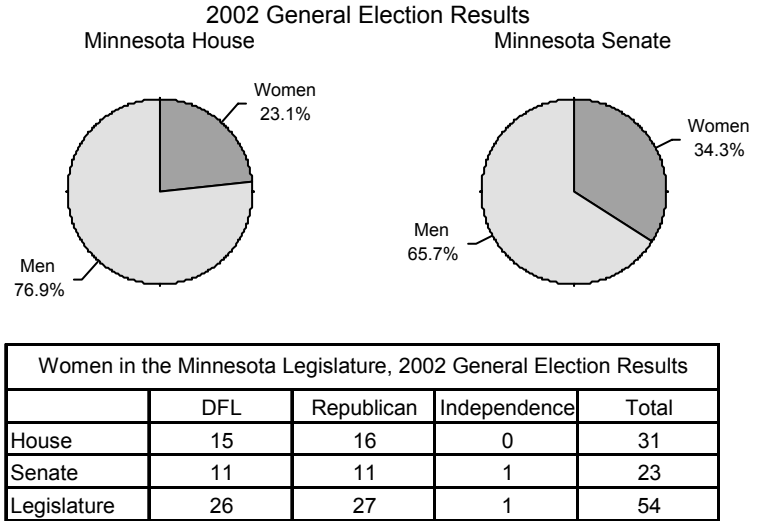
In the 2002 general election women won 54 (26.9%) of the 201 seats in the Minnesota Legislature. This is a loss of five seats from the 2002* legislative session when 59 (29.4%) legislators were women. The historic high of women in the Legislature was reached in 1998* when women held 62 (30.8%) seats. The high for a general election was 61 (30.3%) women elected to the Legislature in 1996.

In the 2002 general election women won 31 (23.1%) of the 134 seats in the Minnesota House of Representatives. This is a loss of three seats from the 2002* legislative session when 34 (25.4%) representatives were women. The historic high of women serving in the House was reached in 1998* when women held 40 (29.9%) seats. The high for a general election was 39 (29.1%) women elected to the House in 1996.

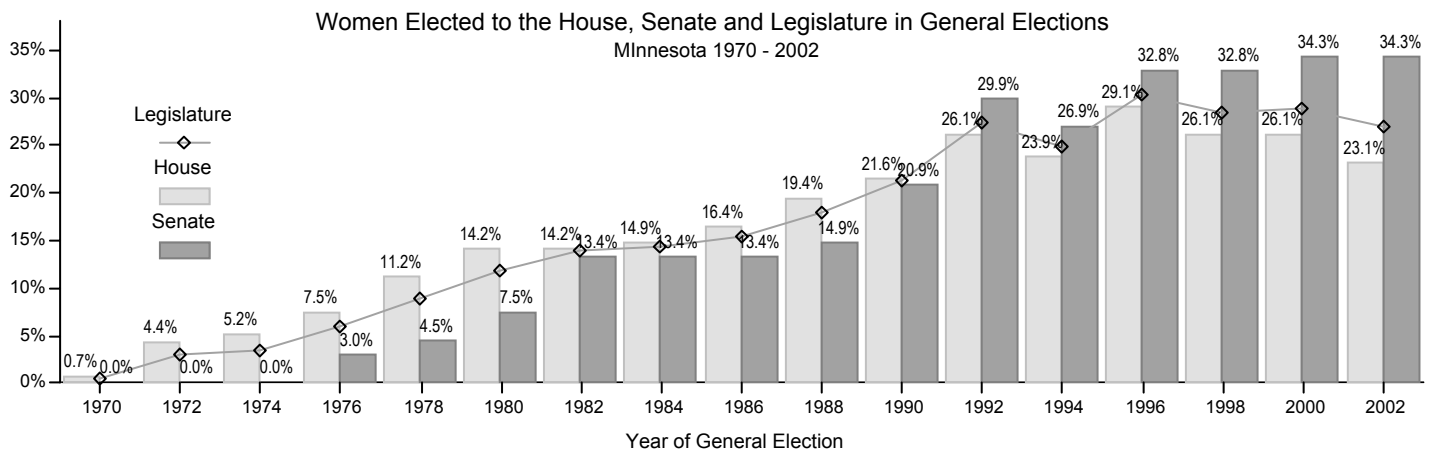
In the 2002 general election women won 23 (34.3%) of the 67 seats in the Minnesota Senate. This is a loss of two seats from the 2002* legislative session when 25 (37.3%) senators were women, which was the record high of women in the Senate. The high for a general election was 23 (34.3%) women elected to the Senate in both 2000 and 2002.

As a result of the 2002 general election, five women are serving their first terms in the Senate: Sen. Sharon Marko, who previously served in the House; Sen. Julianne Ortman; Sen. Julie Rosen; Sen. Carrie Ruud; and Sen. Betsy Wergin. Eight women are serving their first terms in the House of Representatives: Rep. Laura Brod; Rep. Karen Klinzing; Rep. Carla Nelson; Rep. Stephanie Olsen; Rep. Lynne Osterman; Rep. Char Samuelson; Rep. Katie Sieben; and Rep. Judy Soderstrom.

**Includes results of special elections*



Women Elected to the House, Senate and Legislature in General Elections, 1970 - 2002



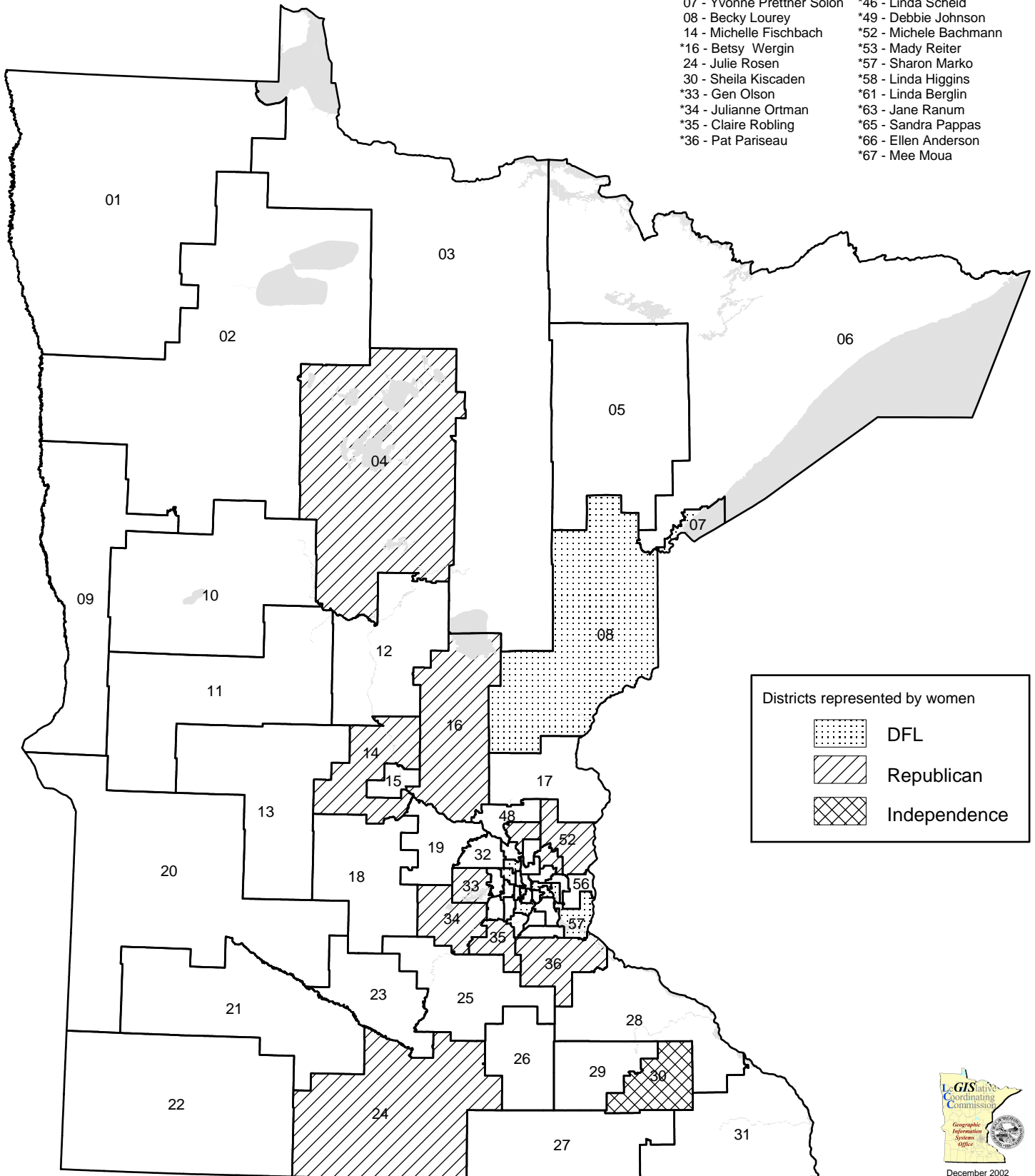
In 1922 women became eligible to vote and run for election to the Minnesota Legislature. From 1922 to 1970, the percentage of the Legislature comprised by women was very low, ranging from zero to 2.5 percent. Over the next twenty years the representation by women increased steadily from 3.0 percent in 1972 to 27.4 percent in 1992. In the 1996 general election a record of 61 (30.3%) women were elected to the Minnesota Legislature. The numbers of women elected to the Legislature in the 1998 and 2000 general elections were lower, at 57 (28.4%) and 58 (28.9%) respectively. The decline of representation by women continued in the 2002 general election with the number of women elected to the Legislature decreasing to 54 (26.9%).

Women in the Legislature by District

2003 Minnesota Senate

* Note: See reverse side for detail of the Twin Cities metro area

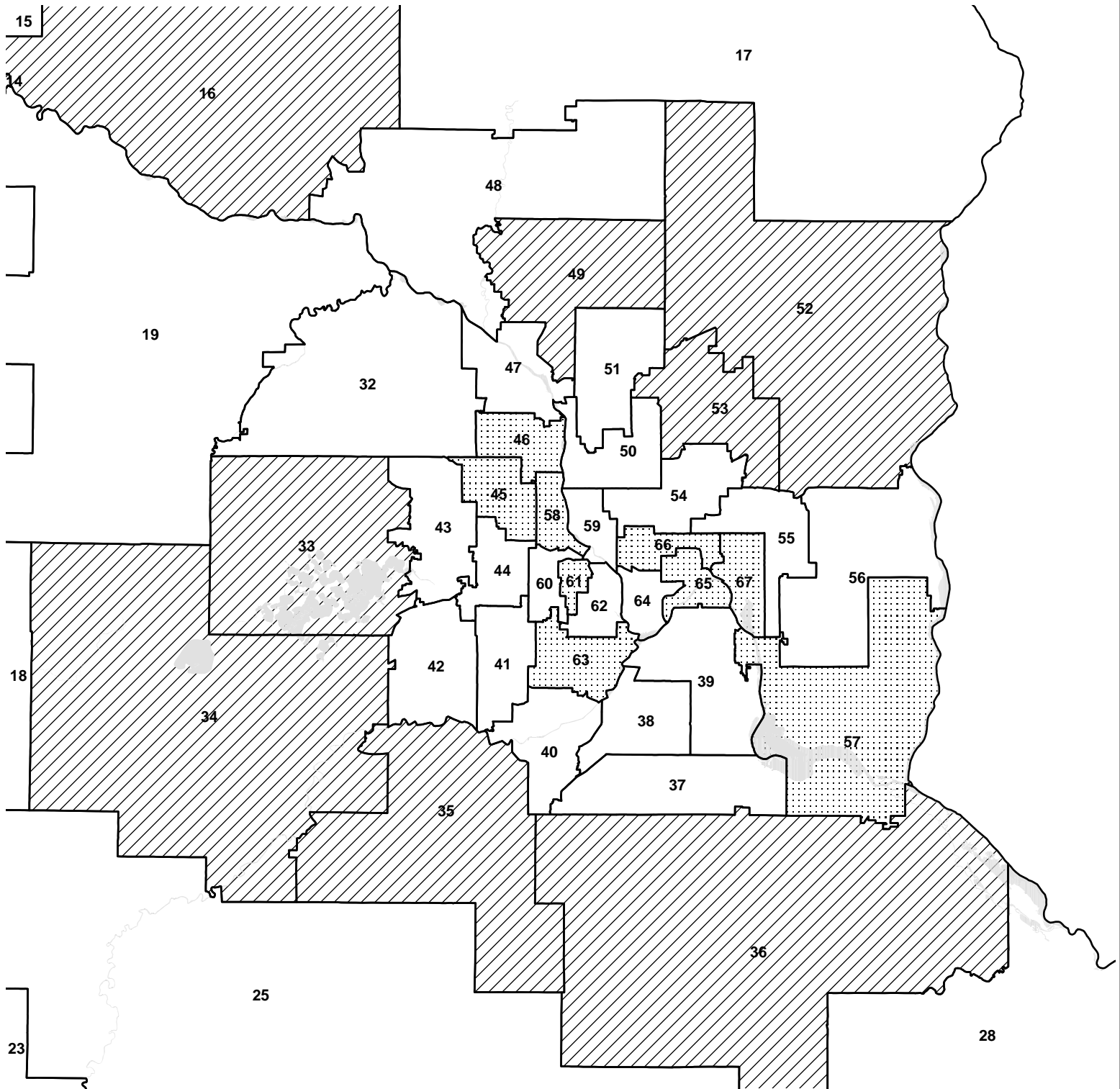
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07 - Yvonne Prettnr Solon	*46 - Linda Scheid
08 - Becky Lourey	*49 - Debbie Johnson
14 - Michelle Fischbach	*52 - Michele Bachmann
*16 - Betsy Wergin	*53 - Mady Reiter
24 - Julie Rosen	*57 - Sharon Marko
30 - Sheila Kiscaden	*58 - Linda Higgins
*33 - Gen Olson	*61 - Linda Berglin
*34 - Julianne Ortman	*63 - Jane Ranum
*35 - Claire Robling	*65 - Sandra Pappas
*36 - Pat Pariseau	*66 - Ellen Anderson
	*67 - Mee Moua



Women in the Legislature by District

2003 Minnesota Senate

Twin Cities Metro Area



Districts represented by women



DFL

Republican

16 - Betsy Wergin	52 - Michele Bachmann
33 - Gen Olson	53 - Mady Reiter
34 - Julianne Ortman	57 - Sharon Marko
35 - Claire Robling	58 - Linda Higgins
36 - Pat Pariseau	61 - Linda Berglin
45 - Ann Rest	63 - Jane Ranum
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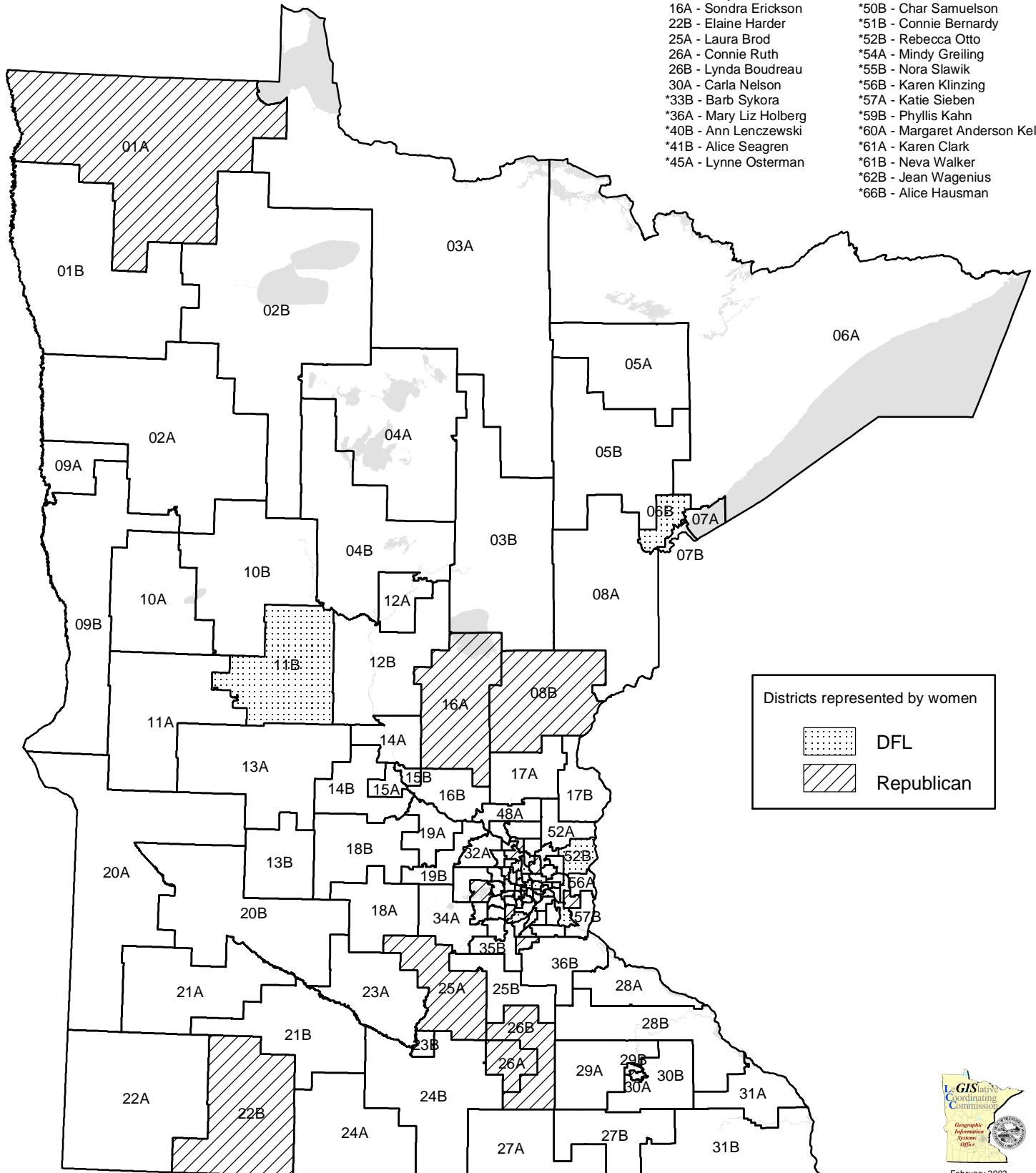
Women in the Legislature by District

2003 Minnesota House of Representatives

* Note: See reverse side for detail of the Twin Cities metro area

01A - Maxine Penas
06B - Mary Murphy
08B - Judy Soderstrom
11B - Mary Ellen Otremba
16A - Sondra Erickson
22B - Elaine Harder
25A - Laura Brod
26A - Connie Ruth
26B - Lynda Boudreau
30A - Carla Nelson
*33B - Barb Sykora
*36A - Mary Liz Holberg
*40B - Ann Lenczewski
*41B - Alice Seagren
*45A - Lynne Osterman

*46B - Debra Hilstrom
*47B - Stephanie Olson
*49B - Kathy Tingelstad
*50A - Barbara Goodwin
*50B - Char Samuelson
*51B - Connie Bernardy
*52B - Rebecca Otto
*54A - Mindy Greiling
*55B - Nora Slawik
*56B - Karen Klinzing
*57A - Katie Sieben
*59B - Phyllis Kahn
*60A - Margaret Anderson Kelliher
*61A - Karen Clark
*61B - Neva Walker
*62B - Jean Wagenius
*66B - Alice Hausman



Districts represented by women



DFL

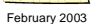


Republican



February 2003

Twin Cities Metro Area



WOMEN IN MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE OFFICES

As result of the 2002 general election, three of the five* (60.0%) statewide offices are held by women. When executive offices were last on the ballot in 1998, women were elected to four of the six (66.7%) statewide offices.

**The number of statewide offices decreased from six to five as result of the abolishment of the office of the state treasurer effective 1/6/03.*

Attorney General and Governor

No woman has been elected to the positions of attorney general or governor in Minnesota.

Lieutenant Governor

Carol Molnau (R), the state's fifth female lieutenant governor, was elected with Governor Tim Pawlenty in the 2002 general election. The position of lieutenant governor has been filled by a woman since Marlene Johnson (DFL) was elected in 1982. Marlene Johnson was reelected in 1986 and served a total of two terms. The second female lieutenant governor, Joannell Dyrstad (IR*), was elected in 1990. Joanne Benson (R), the third female lieutenant governor, was elected in 1994. Mae Schunk (I) was elected in 1998 and served as the fourth lieutenant governor.

**IR indicates Independent Republican, which was the name of the Republican Party in Minnesota at that time.*

Secretary of State

Mary Kiffmeyer (R), the third female secretary of state in Minnesota, was reelected in 2002. The first female secretary of state was Mrs. Mike Holm (R). Mrs. Holm was appointed to fill her husband's position after his death in 1951 until the November 1952 election. In the 1952 election, Mrs. Holm was elected to serve out the remainder of the term ending in January 1953 as well as the two-year term ending in January 1955. Joan Growe (DFL) was the second female secretary of state. She was elected to the position in 1974 and served in that capacity for more than 20 years from 1975 to 1998.

State Auditor

Patricia Anderson Awada (R) was elected in the 2002 general election and is the second woman to be elected state auditor. Judy Dutcher (elected as R, changed to DFL in 2000) was the first woman to be elected state auditor in Minnesota. She was elected to the position in 1994 and was reelected in 1998.

State Treasurer

The Office of the State Treasurer was abolished effective January 6, 2003. Carol Johnson (DFL) was the first and only woman elected state treasurer in Minnesota. She was elected in the 1998 general election and served one four-year term.

WOMEN JUDGES IN THE MINNESOTA COURTS

Minnesota Supreme Court

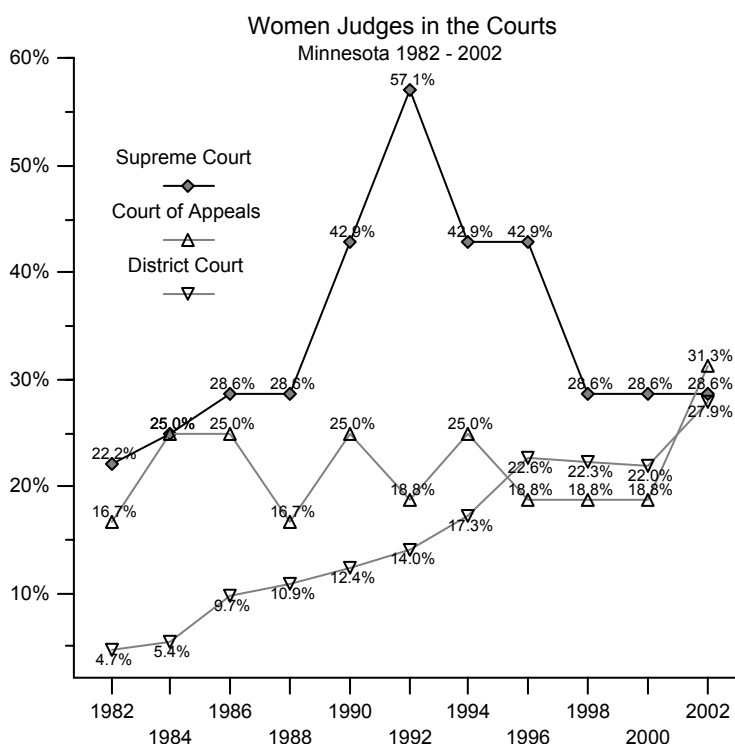
Two of the seven (28.6%) justices on the Minnesota Supreme Court are women: Chief Justice Kathleen A. Blatz (the first woman chief justice in Minnesota) and Justice Helen Meyer. Women have served on the Minnesota Supreme Court since Rosalie Wahl was the first woman appointed in 1976.

Court of Appeals

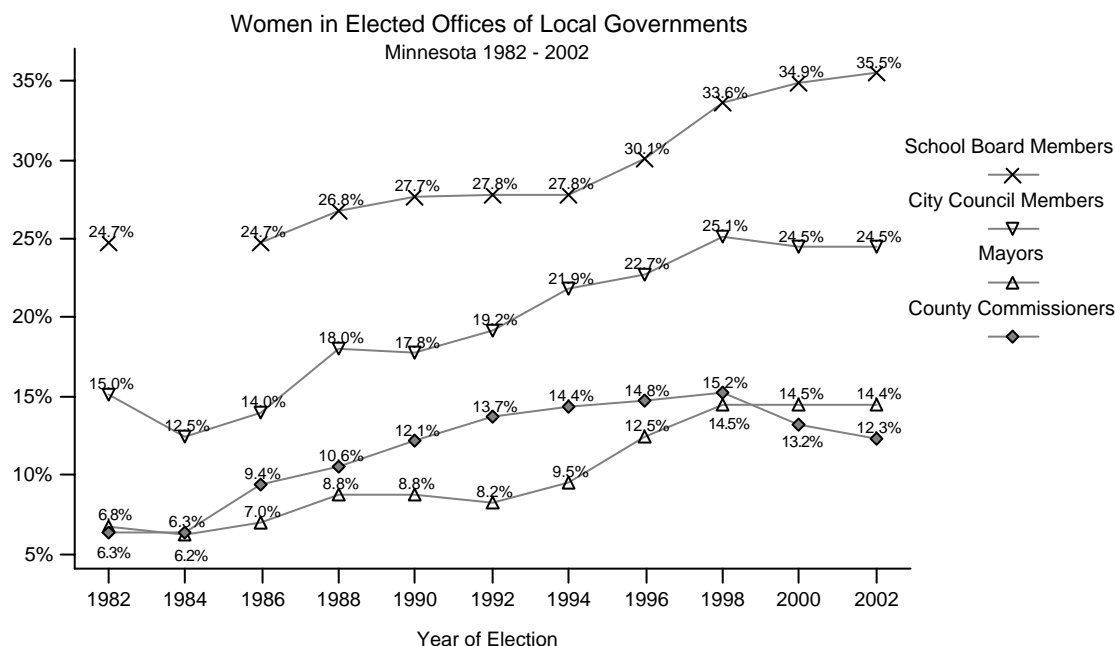
Women hold a record high of five of the 16 seats (31.3%) on the Court of Appeals. They are Judges Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks, Natalie E. Hudson, Harriet Lansing, Terri Stoneburner and Wilhelmina M. Wright.

District Court

Sixty-nine of the 274 (25.2%) Minnesota District Court judges are women.



WOMEN IN ELECTED OFFICES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MINNESOTA



School Board Members

As a result of the 2002 general election, 805 (35.5%) of the 2,267 school board members are women.

City Council Members

As a result of the 2002 general election, approximately* 875 (24.5%) of the 3,575 city council members are women.

Mayors

As a result of the 2002 general election, approximately* 123 (14.4%) of the 853 Minnesota mayors are women.

County Commissioners

As a result of the 2002 general election, 55 (12.3%) of 447 county commissioners are women. In 2003, just under one-half (43 of 87) of counties have at least one female county commissioner.

County Attorneys

As a result of the 2002 general election, 11 (12.6%) of the 87 Minnesota county attorneys are women. They are: Lisa Borgen of Clay County; Julie Bruggerman of Mahnomon County; Michelle A. Dietrich of Redwood County; Susan Gaertner of Ramsey County; Jennifer Hasbargen of Koochiching County; Katherine Johnson of Chisago County; Janelle Kendall of Stearns County; Amy Klobuchar of Hennepin County; Janice S. Kolb of Mille Lacs County; and Michelle E. Moren of Sherburne County. This represents an increase from the results of the 1998 general election (when county attorneys were last on the ballot) when seven (8.0%) of the 87 county attorneys were women.

*Exact numbers are not available.

MINNESOTA AND UNITED STATES 2002 GENERAL ELECTION FIRSTS AND ELECTION RECORDS

- ☒ Terese Amazi of Mower County was the first woman in Minnesota history to be elected as sheriff. There have been female sheriffs in Minnesota before, but all have been appointed to fill unexpired terms.
- ☒ The state of Hawaii elected Linda Lingle to be its first woman governor.
- ☒ A record high of six women (12%) serve as state governors in 2003. Four states elected a female governor in the 2002 general elections. They join two women governors who were not up for reelection in 2002. Women serve as governors in Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Michigan and Montana.

WOMEN IN CONGRESS, GOVERNORSHIPS AND STATE LEGISLATURES

United States House of Representatives

As a result of the 2002 general election, fifty-nine women (38 Democrats, 21 Republicans) serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, holding 13.6 percent of the 435 seats. This equals the level of female representation from the 2000 general election which was a record high. Of the women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, fifty-two were incumbents and seven are new members. In addition, three women are delegates from Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Washington, DC.

Betty McCollum (DFL) was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 4th congressional district in Minnesota in the 2000 and 2002 general elections. McCollum is the second woman elected to the U.S. House from Minnesota. In 1954, Coya Knutson (DFL) was elected from the 9th congressional district in northwestern Minnesota. Coya Knutson served two consecutive terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

United States Senate

Fourteen (14%) women (9 Democrats, 5 Republicans) serve in the U.S. Senate as a result of the 2002 general elections and the appointment shortly after the election of Lisa Murkowski of Alaska to serve out the unexpired term of her father who resigned from the Senate because he was elected governor. Two women, Elizabeth Dole (R-North Carolina) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), are new Senate members.

Muriel Humphrey (DFL) is the only Minnesota woman to have served in the U.S. Senate. Muriel Humphrey was appointed in 1978 by the governor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey.

Governorships

In 2003, a record number of six women (4 Democrats, 2 Republicans) serve as governors, comprising 12 percent of state governors. One state, Hawaii, elected its first female governor, Linda Lingle (R), in the 2002 general election. Other governors elected were Kathleen Sebelius (D-Kansas), Jean Napolitano (D-Arizona), and Jennifer Granholm (D-Michigan). Ruth Ann Minner (D-Delaware) and Judy Marts (R-Montana), whose terms were not up for reelection, also serve as governors in 2003.

State Legislatures

As a result of the 2002 general elections, women hold 1,645 seats (22.3%) of the 7,382 seats in state legislatures nationwide. This is the same percentage of representation by women as result of the 2000 general elections. The percentage of state legislatures comprised by women varies widely by state. In 2003, Washington has the highest proportion (36.7%) and South Carolina has the lowest proportion (9.4%) of women legislators. Minnesota was ranked 16th in the proportion of women (26.9%) serving in the State Legislature in 2003, down from a ranking of 11th after the 2000 general election.

DATA SOURCES

Minnesota election data are based on information compiled from:

- ◆ Association of Minnesota Counties
- ◆ League of Minnesota Cities
- ◆ Minnesota County Attorneys Association
- ◆ Minnesota School Boards Association
- ◆ Office of the Secretary of State
- ◆ Office of the State Court Administrator

The Legislative Geographic Information Systems office provided the maps of women in the Minnesota Legislature.

National data are from the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Women in the Minnesota Senate, 2002 General Election Results

<i>Senator</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Senator</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Senator</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Party</i>
Ellen Anderson	66	DFL	Sharon Marko	57	DFL	Ann Rest	45	DFL
Michele Bachmann	52	R	Mee Moua	67	DFL	Claire Robling	35	R
Linda Berglin	61	DFL	Gen Olson	33	R	Julie Rosen	24	R
Michelle Fischbach	14	R	Julianne Ortman	34	R	Carrie Ruud	4	R
Linda Higgins	58	DFL	Sandra Pappas	65	DFL	Linda Scheid	46	DFL
Debbie Johnson	49	R	Pat Pariseau	36	R	Yvonne Prettner Solon	7	DFL
Sheila Kiscaden	30	I	Jane Ranum	63	DFL	Betsy Wergin	16	R
Becky Lourey	8	DFL	Madelyn Reiter	53	R			

Women in the Minnesota House of Representatives, 2002 General Election Results

<i>Representative</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Representative</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Representative</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Party</i>
Connie Bernardy	48B	DFL	Phyllis Kahn	59B	DFL	Charlotte Samuelson	50B	R
Lynda Boudreau	25B	R	Margaret Anderson Kelliher	60A	DFL	Alice Seagren	41A	R
Laura Brod	25A	R	Karen Klinzing	56B	R	Katie Sieben	57A	DFL
Karen Clark	61A	DFL	Ann Lenczewski	40B	DFL	Nora Slawik	55B	DFL
Sondra Erickson	16A	R	Mary Murphy	8A	DFL	Judy Soderstrom	8B	R
Barb Goodwin	52A	DFL	Carla Nelson	30A	R	Barb Sykora	33B	R
Mindy Greiling	54B	DFL	Stephanie Olsen	47B	R	Kathy Tingelstad	50B	R
Elaine Harder	22B	R	Lynne Osterman	45A	R	Jean Wagenius	63A	DFL
Alice Hausman	66B	DFL	Mary Ellen Otremba	11B	DFL	Neva Walker	61B	DFL
Debra Hilstrom	46B	DFL	Maxine Penas	1A	R			
Mary Liz Holberg	37B	R	Connie Ruth	26A	R			

DFL = Democratic-Farmer-Labor I=Independence R=Republican

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